

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Monday, 23rd March, 2009
Time: 1.00 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe
CW1 2BJ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a total period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relevant to the work of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research it would be helpful if questions were submitted at least one working day before the meeting.

Please contact Denise French on 01270 529643 or 01270 529736
E-Mail: denise.french@congleton.gov.uk with any apologies or requests for further
information or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

5. **Current Issues**

To receive a verbal update from the Governance Lead Officer on various current issues including the Scrutiny Structure for Cheshire East, Public Speaking Time, the Joint Scrutiny Committee and future meeting dates.

6. **Cheshire County Council Reflections/Legacy** (Pages 5 - 10)

To consider a report of the Governance Lead Officer on Reflections and Legacy issues from Cheshire County Council.

7. **Annual Work Programme** (Pages 11 - 12)

To consider a report of the Governance Lead Officer on progressing the Committee's Work Programme.

8. **Future Training/Induction Needs**

To consider future training and induction needs.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

held on Monday, 23rd February, 2009 at The Tatton Room - Town Hall,
Macclesfield SK10 1DX

PRESENT

Councillor A Richardson (Chairman)
Councillor G Baxendale (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S Bentley, R Fletcher, Miss S Furlong, Ms O Hunter,
Mrs S Jones, A Kolker, A Martin, A Moran, A Thwaite and J Wray

Apologies

Councillors Mrs D Flude and Mrs L Smetham

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs D Flude and Mrs L Smetham.

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED: That the following Declarations of Interest be noted:

- (a) Councillor A Richardson – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Cheshire County Council and Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council;
- (b) Councillor G Baxendale – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Congleton Borough Council and Congleton Town Council;
- (c) Councillor R Fletcher – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Cheshire County Council, Congleton Borough Council and Cheshire Fire Authority;
- (d) Councillor S Jones – personal interest on the grounds that she was a Member of Alsager Town Council;
- (e) Councillor A Martin – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Nantwich Town Council;
- (f) Councillor A Moran – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Cheshire County Council and Nantwich Town Council; and
- (g) Councillor A Thwaite – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Congleton Borough Council.

21 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no Members of the Public present who wished to address the Committee.

22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 January be approved as a correct record.

23 "INDEPENDENCE, WELL-BEING AND CHOICE"

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director for People which outlined the findings of the inspection carried out by the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) of Cheshire County Council's Community services. The inspection focused in the main on services for older people in relation to three themes:

- That people have access to preventive services;
- People benefit from effective partnership working;
- People are safeguarded.

The inspection team found overall "Good" performance which meant that most people were effectively safeguarded against abuse, neglect or poor treatment. However, a number of areas for development were identified including:

- Balancing risk in supported housing;
- Safeguarding training for partner agencies;
- Information sharing between agencies;
- Impact of the Adult Protection Committee.

The Appendix to the report listed specific recommendations arising from the inspection along with progress to date. The Committee had been informed at its previous meeting of the establishment of an Adults Safeguarding Board and was advised that the position of Independent Chairman of the Board had been advertised and interviews were to be held shortly

Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions or raise issues as follows:

- The role of the Older People's Network – the Committee was advised that this was a membership organisation whose role was representative and the organisation had an important role in articulating the needs and views of Older People. The Network had been commended by the CSCI Inspection Team during its recent inspection;
- The role of the University of the Third Age (U3A) in providing services for Older People;
- The need to record those who are helped through signposting them to other services rather than just recording those who are directly helped;
- The importance of transport services including Dial A Ride, Taxi Vouchers and ensuring that the systems provided through the four constituent authorities were harmonised.

RESOLVED: That:

- (a) the creation of the Adults Safeguarding Board for Cheshire East be noted;

- (b) the areas for development arising from the inspection carried out by the Commission for Social Care Inspection be noted;
- (c) the need for leadership from the Cheshire East Council and partners in promoting a “whole system response” to social care need be noted;
- (d) an update report be provided on issues identified in the report and at the meeting in approximately four months.

24 CENTRAL AND EASTERN CHESHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRUST - COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PROJECT - KNUTSFORD AND CONGLETON

Fiona Field, Director of Governance and Strategic Planning at Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Sue Noyce, Community Healthcare Re-design Project Lead, at the PCT briefed the Committee on the PCT's project to develop health care services in Knutsford, Congleton and Northwich.

The project was based on developing community hospitals as a network that provided appropriate services away from secondary care and therefore closer to people's homes. The key aspects included:

- the development of modern primary care and community based hospital facilities in Knutsford, Congleton and Northwich;
- delivering care closer to home through the provision of flexible, integrated clinical services across the main towns in the PCT's area;
- increasing access to a range of intermediate tier services in patients' own homes and in purpose-built community bed facilities;
- increasing access to diagnostic and outpatient facilities in the community;
- community based mental health teams to support service users in their homes.

The benefits would include better integration of GP services with community nursing and secondary care, modern facilities that would attract the best staff; opportunities to develop new integrated services and developing home and community bed-based services that would be of particular benefit for older people.

The Department of Health had emphasised the importance of care being provided closer to people's own homes or into their homes which was based on the changing demographic profile that would see increasing numbers of older people – the number of people over 85 years of age was set to double by 2020.

The PCT had held a number of engagement events and the next stage was to appoint third party Development Partners with site identification and design options to be submitted for public consultation during the summer 2009.

The Committee noted that a Task/Finish Panel had been established by the County Council to look at the project and the Panel had recommended that a representative of Knutsford Town Council be involved in the Panel in the future. The Panel was chaired by Councillor R Fletcher.

RESOLVED: That a Task/Finish Panel, chaired by Councillor R Fletcher, be set up to continue looking at the Primary Care Trust Future Health Care Project.

25 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered its future Work Programme and was advised that the Scrutiny Committee had referred to it the following issues from previous Scrutiny Reviews by the four constituent Authorities:

- Support for Older People;
- Tackling Obesity;
- Tackling Diabetes;
- Community Support Centres;
- Community First Responders;
- Misuse of Alcohol.

The Committee agreed that Transport should also be included on the Work Programme together with the PCT Future Health Care Project referred to above.

RESOLVED: That a list of items for the Work Programme be submitted to the next meeting for further consideration.

26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23 March at 1.00 pm in the Municipal Buildings, Crewe.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.10 pm

Councillor A Richardson (Chairman)

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of meeting: 23 March 2009
Report of: Governance Lead Officer
Title: Cheshire County Council – Reflections/Legacy Issues

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the Committee about Legacy Issues from Cheshire County Council's Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Select Committee.

2.0 Decision Required

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the attached report and consider whether it wants to progress any of the items.

3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 3.1 There are no implications for transition costs, except the funding of appropriate Member development in view of the new roles and responsibilities involved.

4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

- 4.1 To be considered as part of the overall support to be provided to the Scrutiny function.

5.0 Information

- 5.1 The attached report was considered by the County Council's Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Select Committee at its meeting on 11 March 2009 and is attached for this Committee's consideration.

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MEETING : **COUNTY HEALTH & ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY
SELECT COMMITTEE**

DATE : **11 March 2009**

REPORT OF : **COUNTY SECRETARY**

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REFLECTIONS/LEGACY

INTRODUCTION

1. This paper provides an opportunity for the Committee to review progress and achievements since its inception in 2003, and to flag up for the new Unitary Authorities current and on-going issues on Health Scrutiny.

CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION

2. The original County Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee was established in response to the Health & Social Care Act 2001 (later consolidated into the NHS Act 2006). The framework established in Cheshire was that of a County Committee (the statutory Overview & Scrutiny Committee - the "OSC") which included voting cooptees from each of the District Councils and non-voting cooptees from other public and voluntary sector organisations. This Committee was supported by four Local Health Scrutiny Committees – Eastern Cheshire, Central Cheshire, Cheshire West, Ellesmere Port & Neston. The main focus of work were proposals for "substantial variations and developments in services" coming forward from the Cheshire based PCTs and Acute Trusts. A separate Joint Committee was established with Wirral MBC to perform the same function in relation to the Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Trust. The Committee also participated in a number of regional/sub-regional joint committees dealing with proposals on a wider footprint.

3. When the Government made it clear that it expected Health OSCs to pay particular attention within their work programmes to joint commissioning of Health and Adult Social Care Services, a decision was taken in Cheshire to review terms of reference and to establish a Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Select Committee. The Local Health Scrutiny Committees were replaced by geographically based Task/Finish Scrutiny Panels. This is the system which has operated for the last two years.

THE WORK UNDERTAKEN

4. Clearly, the OSC has played an important community leadership role in responding to/advising upon substantial variations and developments in services proposed by the local NHS Trusts. Below are some examples:

Reconfiguration of GP Surgeries in Macclesfield
Eastern Cheshire Future Healthcare Project

Review of Services for Children, Young People, Parents and
Babies in East Cheshire
Western Cheshire PCT's Financial Recovery Plan

and on a broader foot-print:

Access to Fertility Services
Cleft Lip and Palette Services

5. The Committee has also intervened in the public interest when it has not been a formal consultee, such as on:

Community Support Centres
Community First Responders

6. In addition to its statutory responsibilities, there is an expectation that Healths' OSCs will also undertake work in reviewing major cross-cutting issues linked to health inequalities. In Cheshire, Task/Finish Scrutiny Panels have produced important reports on the following topics:

Diabetes
Obesity
Tobacco Control
Suicide Prevention Services
Access to Dental Services
Transport at the Countess of Chester Hospital Site

7. Finally, the Committee has played an important role in the Healthcare Commission Health Check of Performance of NHS Trusts within its area. It is pleasing to note the generally steady and consistent improvements achieved by these Trusts in recent times in the face of considerable change and challenge within the system.

LEGACY ISSUES

8. The work on Health Scrutiny in Cheshire is very much on-going. There is work in progress and there are also potentially important issues on the horizon which the Committee will wish to bring to the attention of the two new Authorities. These are listed below in no particular priority order:

Implications of Realignment of PCT Boundaries
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment/Local Area Agreements
Commissioning Strategies – especially Mental Health Services and Alcohol Services
Social Care Redesign
Adult Protection
Central & Eastern Cheshire Healthcare in a Community Setting
Patient Transport Services
Ambulance Service Performance
Community Support Centres
Relationships with Local Involvement Networks (LINKs)
Relationship with the Care Quality Commission
Regional Issues: Burns Services; Fluoridation

RECOMMENDED: That the Committee

- (1) note the work which it has undertaken over the last six years; and**
- (2) draw the attention of the two new Unitary Authorities to the issues listed in para 8.**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Checklist for Member Reports and relevant matters have been included.

Local Member	N/A
Background Documents	N/A
Available for Inspection at	N/A

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of meeting: 23 March 2009
Report of: Governance Lead Officer
Title: Annual Work Programme

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To progress the Annual Work Programme for the Committee for 2009 – 2010.

2.0 Decision Required

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the Work Programme and identify priorities.

3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 3.1 There are no implications for transition costs, except the funding of appropriate Member development in view of the new roles and responsibilities involved.

4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

- 4.1 To be considered as part of the overall support to be provided to the Scrutiny function.

5.0 Information

- 5.1 At previous meetings the Committee has identified various issues that it would like to include on the Annual Work Programme. These items are now listed below:

- Support for Older People;
- Tackling Obesity;
- Tackling Diabetes;
- Community Support Centres;
- Community First Responders;
- Misuse of Alcohol;
- Transport;
- Future Healthcare Project – Knutsford and Congleton.

- 5.2 The Committee is now requested to consider how it wants to progress the items identified and whether it wants to identify a priority order.

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